

REMARKS

Consideration of allowance of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant hereby elects for further prosecution the Group I invention included in claims 1-24 and 38-42. The Group II and Group III claims (claims 25-37) are withdrawn and canceled herewith.

Applicant further elects Species A (claims 1-18 and 39-42) within the Group I invention. Applicant notes that claims 39-42 depend from claim 1 and therefore should not be included in the Species D claims set forth in the Office Action.

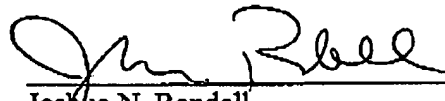
Applicant has added new claims 43 and 44 as dependent claims from the Group I, Species A claims. The new claims are fully supported by at least Figure 4 of the present application. No new matter has been added.

In view of the above, Applicant requests reconsideration of allowance of the application. If a phone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues related to this matter, please contact Applicants' attorney listed below at 612.371.5387.

Respectfully submitted,

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